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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

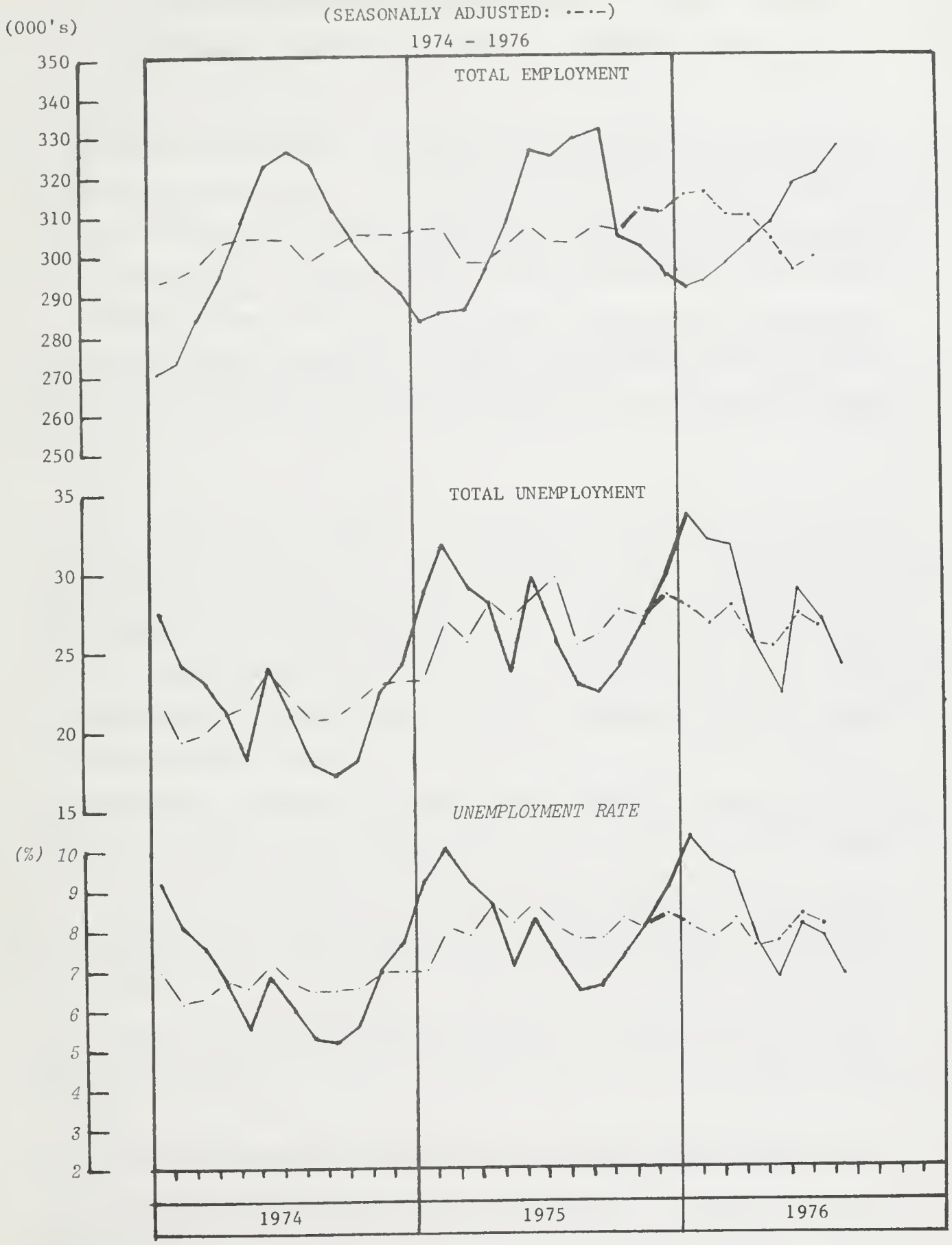
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ——)

(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ·-·-)

1974 - 1976



BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, VS ACTUAL STATE OF MONTANA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The Bureau of Labor statistics compiles national unemployment on the basis of a monthly Current Population Survey (C.P.S.). Twenty-seven states have large enough samples to enable the Bureau to determine those state's unemployment rate. Twenty-three states, in which Montana is included, must determine their unemployment by means of a statistical formula. Because of the difference in methodology, when C.P.S. states are added to non-C.P.S. states, the unemployment rate differs from that of the "National" rate.

Early in 1976 the Office of Management and Budget mandated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics force the aggregate of all states to equal the national C.P.S. estimates. March 4, 1976, this agency was mandated by the Bureau to adjust the state unemployment rate for 1975 and throughout 1976 downward. All states in B. L. S. Region VIII received the same adjustment factors. Analysis of these adjustment factors indicatesthat Montana's unemployment rate would arbitrarily be reduced and end results would be misleading and not representative of Montana's actual economic conditions. Therefore, because this agency owes the public in Montana the most reliable and consistent figures available, Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section will continue to publish what is felt are actual unemployment statistics in this publication. This agency will furnish the Bureau with adjusted figures on required reports, but Montana will not publish them.

Because of the above, Bureau of Labor Statistics' publications will not agree with statistics as <u>published</u> by Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

AUGUST 1976

Montana's civilian labor force for the month of July reached 344,100, which is an increase of 1,100 from the previous month. This compares to 346,900 for July 1975, or a drop of 2,800. Total employment was 4,700 higher than in June, but is 2,500 lower than in July 1975. Montana's unemployment rate was 7.4% in July compared with 8.4% in June and 7.4% for the same month last year.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment for July totaled 245,100 compared with 243,600 in June, and 247,800 for the same month one year ago. Manufacturing employment dropped 500 from July one year ago. Non-manufacturing is also down from July 1975 levels. On the positive side, statewide employment by industry has shown positive net changes from the previous month, with only heavy construction contractors, local government and education, and state education showing negative net changes.

Montana's important agriculture industry is approaching the employment peak of the year with 43,800 employees, compared with 41,100 for the previous month, and 42,200 for the same month one year ago. Montana's 1976 winter wheat production will again make up the bulk of Montana's Crop, with 93.6 million bushels expected to be harvested as compared with the 1975 record of 105.0 million bushels harvested, as reported by the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Production on Spring wheat has expanded 14% from last year to an expected 46.4 million bushels because of the fact that acreage is up one-fourth even though yield per acre is expected to be down. Soil moisture has been adequate except for scattered locations in the state. Grasshoppers have been increasing quickly in several locations of the state. Damage is reported to be light to moderate, with the worst damage reports coming from northcentral, central, and northeastern Montana.

The average non-agricultural Montana wage earner worked 35.7 hours at a rate of $4.83 an hour in the month of July. Average weekly earnings were $172.43 compared with $163.52 for July one year ago. Real spendable earnings for July is $85.83, which is a decrease of .9% from the same month one year ago.

Montana's report on Labor Turnover Rates showed the manufacturing accession rate for June at 5.4% and its separation rate at 2.6%. The primary metals industry had the highest accession rate of the manufacturing industries at 7.8%. The mining industry records a 4.2% accession rate which is running ahead of the industry's separation rate of 1.8%.

On the negative side, Montana's composite index of six leading indicators showed another definite decline in June to 95.7 from 97.7 for the previous month. The only leading indicator to show a positive trend for June is building permits, which showed a 16% increase from the May figure.

July building permits for Montana decreased 9.2% from the previous month to 781 permits. This is still an increase of 16.9% over July 1975's figure of 668 permits.

May's production of crude oil and condensate from oil and gas areas of Montana averaged 90,922 barrels daily, an increase of 689 barrels from the previous month and 1,660

barrels from the same month one year ago. Montana's seven refineries processed 119,641 barrels of crude oil daily which was a decrease of 10,107 barrels from the April figure of 129,748 barrels. This May figure is a 4.6% increase over May one year ago. During May there were 12 oil wells, 15 gas wells, and 19 dry holes completed, as reported in the Montana Oil and Gas Statistical Bulletin. One year ago 32 wells were completed. Permits to drill new wells are up this month from 51 permits to 84 permits, but down from May 1975's figure of 88 permits.

June's bank debits for Montana are up 10% from May and 52% from June one year ago. Continuing on the positive side, the first six months of 1976 are up 44% over the first six months of 1975. The only areas experiencing a decrease during a 12-month period ending in June were Anaconda, down 11%, and Butte, down 2%.

July's new business firms in Montana show an increase in every labor market area over the same month one year ago. Only one labor market area, Miles City, has yet to catch up to their 1975 year-to-date figure. Statewide, new business firms increased 84.6% over July one year ago. Yellowstone County has started a project to build a new Sweetheart Bakery which will be one of the largest in the northwest. Expected completion date is mid 1978 and will employ close to 200 people.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

July 1976

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	255	107	2,027
CETA-CEP	77	51	190
CETA-INST.	49	33	274
CETA-OJT	34	39	120
JOB CORPS	38	38	241
PSE	120	214	1,140
CIP	233	5	238

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	July 1976	*Percent Change From:* June 1976	July 1975
All Items	171.1	*0.6%*	*5.4%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

July 1976

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*3.9%*
Female	*45.4%*
Youth	*11.7%*
Over 45	*23.9%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	308.7	279.8	253.0	26.8	28.9	*9.4*	*9.0*	*
February	309.6	278.2	250.8	27.4	31.4	*10.2*	*9.1*	.1
March	316.6	287.3	257.1	30.2	29.3	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	320.3	292.3	259.4	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	327.9	304.3	267.3	37.0	23.6	*7.2*	*8.3*	.1
June	349.1	319.7	278.9	40.8	29.4	*8.4*	*9.1*	.1
July	346.9	321.3	279.1	42.2	25.6	*7.4*	*8.7*	.2
August	350.9	327.9	280.7	47.2	23.0	*6.6*	*8.2*	*
September	340.2	317.7	279.3	38.4	22.5	*6.6*	*8.1*	.3
October	332.6	308.4	274.4	34.0	24.2	*7.3*	*7.8*	.3
November	332.4	305.8	274.3	31.5	26.6	*8.0*	*7.8*	.2
December	330.7	300.6	271.4	29.2	30.1	*9.1*	*7.8*	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	*8.1*	*8.5*	.1
1976								
January	324.8	291.2	262.4	28.8	33.6	*10.3*	*8.8*	*
February	323.6	292.1	263.3	28.8	31.5	*9.7*	*8.7*	*
March	328.3	297.3	265.8	31.5	31.0	*9.5*	*8.1*	*
April	328.6	302.8	267.8	35.0	25.8	*7.9*	*7.4*	*
May	330.4	308.1	271.0	37.1	22.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	*
June	343.0	314.1	273.0	41.1	28.9	*8.4*	*8.0*	*
July	344.1	318.8	275.0	43.8	25.3	*7.4*	*7.8*	*
August	*350.2*	*326.4*	*277.6*	*48.8*	*23.8*	*6.8*		
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	31.1	28.5	27.4	1.1	2.6	*8.3*	*9.4*	*
February	31.2	28.2	27.1	1.1	3.0	*9.7*	*10.2*	*
March	31.8	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.8	*8.7*	*9.2*	.1
April	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	*8.3*	*8.7*	.1
May	32.7	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*7.2*	*
June	33.7	30.9	29.3	1.6	2.8	*8.4*	*8.4*	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	*8.1*	*7.4*	*
August	33.7	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.5	*7.4*	*6.6*	*
September	33.3	30.9	29.4	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
October	33.0	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.7	*8.1*	*7.3*	*
November	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	*7.9*	*8.0*	*
December	33.0	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.8	*8.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	*8.2*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	32.4	29.2	28.1	1.1	3.2	*9.8*	*10.3*	*
February	32.2	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.9	*9.1*	*9.7*	*
March	32.9	29.9	28.7	1.2	3.0	*9.2*	*9.5*	*
April	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	*7.9*	*7.9*	*
May	33.5	31.2	29.7	1.5	2.3	*6.9*	*6.8*	*
June	35.0	31.7	30.1	1.6	3.3	*9.3*	*8.4*	*
July	34.3	31.6	29.9	1.7	2.7	*8.0*	*7.4*	*
August	*34.6*	*31.9*	*30.0*	*1.9*	*2.7*	*7.9*	*6.8*	*
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Table III

RESIDENCE DATA

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	45.4	42.0	40.8	1.2	3.4	*7.6*	*9.4*	*
February	45.1	41.5	40.2	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.2*	*
March	45.6	42.0	40.6	1.4	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.8	43.4	41.9	1.5	3.4	*7.3*	*8.7*	*
May	47.1	44.5	42.8	1.7	2.6	*5.6*	*7.2*	*
June	49.0	45.6	43.7	1.9	3.4	*7.0*	*8.4*	*
July	49.5	46.3	44.4	1.9	3.2	*6.5*	*7.4*	*
August	49.2	46.1	43.9	2.2	3.1	*6.2*	*6.6*	*
September	48.5	45.6	43.8	1.8	2.9	*5.9*	*6.6*	.2
October	48.4	45.6	44.0	1.6	2.8	*5.8*	*7.3*	.2
November	49.2	46.4	45.0	1.4	2.8	*5.8*	*8.0*	*
December	48.6	45.4	44.1	1.3	3.2	*6.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	*6.7*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	47.4	43.7	42.4	1.3	3.7	*7.9*	*10.3*	*
February	47.1	43.8	42.5	1.3	3.3	*7.1*	*9.7*	*
March	47.5	44.1	42.7	1.4	3.4	*7.2*	*9.5*	*
April	48.3	45.4	43.8	1.6	2.9	*5.9*	*7.9*	*
May	48.1	45.8	44.1	1.7	2.3	*4.8*	*6.8*	*
June	50.7	47.2	45.3	1.9	3.5	*6.9*	*8.4*	*
July	50.8	47.7	45.7	2.0	3.1	*6.2*	*7.4*	*
August	*50.9*	*47.9*	*45.7*	*2.2*	*3.0*	*5.8*	*6.8*	*
September								
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RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

JULY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1976	July 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	344.1	343.0	346.9	1.1	-2.8
2. Unemployment	25.3	28.9	25.6	-3.6	- .3
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*7.4*	*8.4*	*7.4*	*-1.0*	*0*
3. Employment, Total	318.8	314.1	321.3	4.7	-2.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	242.7	241.2	245.6	1.5	-2.9
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*245.1*	*243.6*	*247.8*	*1.5*	*-2.7*
MANUFACTURING	*23.0*	*22.7*	*23.5*	*.3*	*- .5*
Durable Goods	*14.8*	*14.7*	*15.5*	*.1*	*- .7*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.6*	*8.6*	*9.2*	*0*	*- .6*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.4*	*.1*	*0*
Other Durable Goods	*2.8*	*2.8*	*2.9*	*0*	*- .1*
Nondurable Goods	*8.2*	*8.0*	*8.0*	*.2*	*.2*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.7*	*3.7*	*3.7*	*0*	*0*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*0*	*0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.4*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*.2*	*.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*222.1*	*220.9*	*224.3*	*1.2*	*-2.2*
Mining	*5.9*	*5.9*	*6.9*	*0*	*- .1*
10 Metal Mining	*2.2*	*2.2*	*3.1*	*0*	*- .9*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*0*	*0*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.1*	*0*	*- .1*

Contract Construction	11.4	11.3	14.6	.1	-3.2
15 General Building Contractors	3.7	3.8	5.7	-.1	- .2
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.4	3.2	3.6	.2	- .2
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.3	4.3	5.3	0	- .1
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.7	19.6	19.9	.1	- .2
40 Railroad Transportation	6.2	6.1	6.3	.1	- .1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.9	5.9	6.1	0	- .2
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.6	7.6	7.5	0	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	60.8	60.2	61.9	.6	- .1
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.2	12.1	.3	.4
Retail Trade	48.3	48.0	49.8	.3	-1.5
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	6.6	6.6	8.3	0	-1.7
54 Food Stores	6.8	6.5	6.5	.3	.3
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.9	7.9	8.2	0	- .3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.2	15.2	16.6	0	-1.4
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	11.8	11.8	10.2	0	1.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	.2
Services	46.5	45.5	47.1	.1	- .6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.9	5.4	7.6	.5	-1.7
72 Personal Services	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	15.0	15.0	14.1	0	.9
Other Services	23.1	22.6	22.9	.5	.2
Government	67.2	67.8	63.5	-.6	3.7
91 Federal Government	14.5	14.5	15.8	0	-1.3
92 State Government	19.7	19.6	17.3	.1	2.4
State Education	9.1	9.3	-	-.2	-
Other State Government	10.6	10.3	-	.3	-
93 Local Government	33.0	33.7	30.4	-.7	2.6
Local Education	19.0	19.7	-	-.7	-
Other Local Government	14.0	14.0	-	0	-
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	32.3	31.8	33.5	.5	-1.2
(c) Agriculture	43.8	41.1	42.2	2.7	1.6
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	.2	-	-

*1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

July 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	JULY 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: JUNE 1976	JULY 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	34.3	35.0	33.7	- .7	.6
2. Unemployment	2.7	3.3	2.7	- .6	0
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*8.0*	*9.3*	*8.1*	*-1.3*	*- .1*
3. Employment, Total	31.6	31.7	31.0	- .1	.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	27.4	27.6	26.8	- .2	.6
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*28.4*	*28.7*	*27.6*	*- .3*	*.8*
MANUFACTURING	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.7*	*.0*	*.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*26.6*	*26.9*	*25.9*	*- .3*	*.7*
Contract Construction	*1.7*	*1.5*	*1.6*	*.2*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*.0*	*.0*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.7*	*8.7*	*8.6*	*.0*	*.1*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*- .1*	*.0*
Services and Mining	*6.5*	*6.6*	*6.2*	*- .1*	*.3*
Government	*5.8*	*6.1*	*5.6*	*- .3*	*.2*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	.0
(c) Agriculture	1.7	1.6	1.7	.1	.0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-additive, included in Line (a).
Establishment Series began January 1958.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Current month preliminary.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
** Under 50.*
Residence Series began January 1970.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JULY 1976
in Thousands

INDUSTRY	JULY 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: JUNE 1976	JULY 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	50.8	50.7	49.5	.1	1.3
2. Unemployment	3.1	3.5	3.2	- .4	- .1
Percent of Labor Force[1]	*6.2*	*6.9*	*6.5*	*- .7*	*- .3*
3. Employment, Total	47.7	47.2	46.3	.5	1.4
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	41.1	40.7	39.8	.4	1.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*40.8*	*40.5*	*39.9*	*.3*	*.9*
MANUFACTURING	*3.7*	*3.5*	*3.4*	*.2*	*.3*
NONMANUFACTURING	*37.1*	*37.0*	*36.5*	*.1*	*.6*
Contract Construction	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.2*	*.0*	*.0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.6*	*.0*	*- .2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*13.4*	*13.2*	*12.8*	*.2*	*.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*.0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.4*	*8.3*	*8.6*	*.1*	*- .2*
Government	*7.6*	*7.8*	*7.3*	*- .2*	*.3*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
(c) Agriculture	2.0	1.9	1.9	.1	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Current month preliminary.*
2/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.* *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
3/ *Non-additive, included in Line (a).* * *Under 50.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976
STATEWIDE	330.4	343.0	344.1	308.1	314.1	318.8	22.3	28.9	25.3	*6.8*	*8.4*	*7.4*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.5	35.0	34.3	31.2	31.7	31.6	2.3	3.3	2.7	*6.9*	*9.3*	*8.0*
BILLINGS SMSA	48.1	50.7	50.8	45.8	47.2	47.7	2.3	3.5	3.1	*4.8*	*6.9*	*6.2*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	248.8	257.3	259.0	231.1	235.2	239.5	17.7	22.1	19.5	*7.1*	*8.6*	*7.5*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.8	37.0	37.2	32.8	33.2	33.7	3.0	3.8	3.5	*8.4*	*10.3*	*9.4*
BOZEMAN	24.4	25.1	25.2	22.7	23.2	23.6	1.6	1.9	1.6	*6.7*	*7.5*	*6.3*
GLASGOW	16.1	16.6	17.0	15.4	15.8	16.1	.7	.9	.8	*4.2*	*5.2*	*4.9*
GLENDIVE	13.4	13.8	13.9	12.9	13.1	13.4	.5	.7	.5	*4.0*	*5.0*	*3.8*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.0	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.5	10.7	.7	.8	.7	*6.0*	*6.8*	*6.1*
HAVRE	12.0	12.5	12.7	11.4	11.6	11.9	.6	.8	.8	*5.1*	*6.6*	*6.5*
HELENA	21.7	22.5	22.5	20.4	20.7	20.9	1.3	1.8	1.6	*6.0*	*8.0*	*6.9*
KALISPELL	32.6	33.7	33.5	29.0	29.5	30.1	3.6	4.2	3.4	*11.1*	*12.5*	*10.2*
LEWISTOWN	10.9	11.3	11.4	10.4	10.6	10.9	.5	.6	.6	*4.7*	*5.8*	*4.9*
MILES CITY	13.6	14.0	14.1	12.8	13.0	13.2	.8	1.0	.9	*5.7*	*7.1*	*6.2*
MISSOULA	40.0	41.5	41.7	36.5	37.0	37.6	3.6	4.5	4.1	*8.8*	*10.9*	*9.8*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.3	18.0	18.4	16.5	17.0	17.4	.8	1.1	1.0	*4.8*	*6.0*	*5.6*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

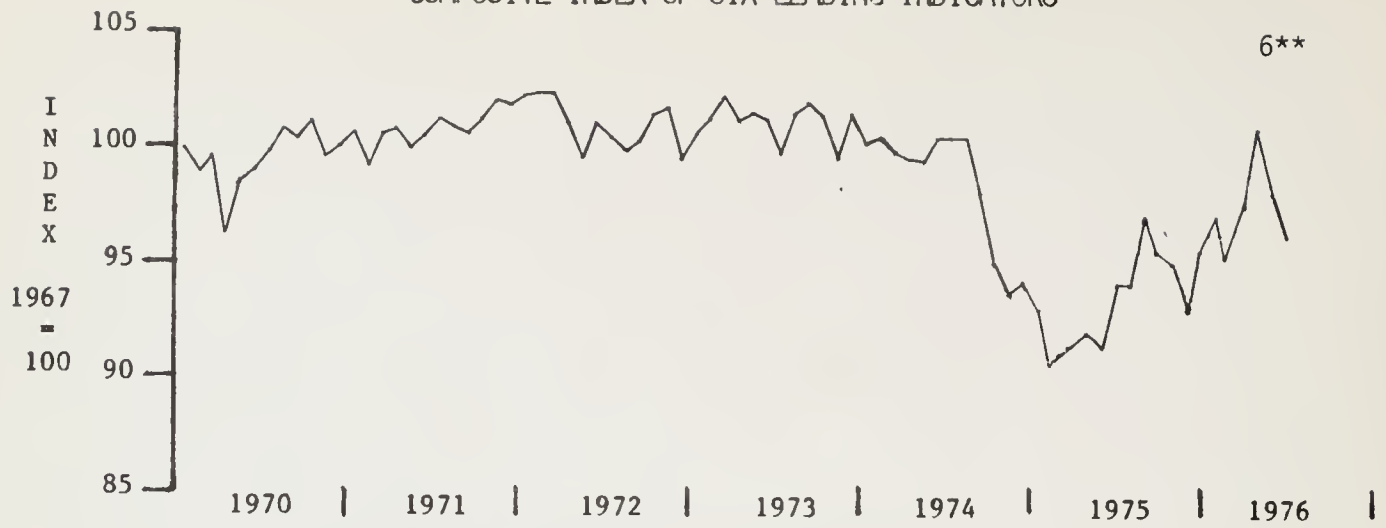
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	JULY 1976	JULY 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	JULY 1976	JULY 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	JULY 1976	JULY 1975	Net Change 1975-1976	JULY 1976	JULY 1975	Net Change 1975-1976
STATEWIDE	344.1	346.9	- .8	318.8	321.3	- .8	25.3	25.6	- .3	7.4	7.4	0
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.3	33.7	1.8	31.6	31.0	1.9	2.7	2.7	0	8.0	8.1	- .1
BILLINGS SMSA	50.8	49.5	2.6	47.7	46.3	3.0	3.1	3.2	- .1	6.2	6.5	- .3
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	259.0	263.7	-1.8	239.5	244.0	-1.8	19.5	19.7	- .2	7.5	7.5	0
ANACONDA-BUTTE	37.2	37.4	- .5	33.7	34.2	-1.5	3.5	3.2	.3	9.4	8.6	.7
BOZEMAN	25.2	26.0	-3.1	23.6	24.2	-2.5	1.6	1.8	- .2	6.3	6.9	- .6
GLASGOW	17.0	17.5	-2.9	16.1	16.6	-3.0	.8	.9	- .1	4.9	5.1	- .2
GLENDIVE	13.9	14.4	-3.5	13.4	13.7	-2.2	.5	.7	- .2	3.8	4.9	-1.1
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.4	11.7	-2.6	10.7	11.0	-2.7	.7	.7	0	6.1	6.0	.1
HAVRE	12.7	11.7	8.5	11.9	11.0	8.2	.8	.7	.1	6.5	6.0	.5
HELENA	22.5	22.9	-1.7	20.9	21.3	-1.9	1.6	1.6	0	6.9	7.0	- .1
KALISPELL	33.5	34.6	-3.2	30.1	30.8	-2.3	3.4	3.8	- .4	10.2	11.0	- .8
LEWISTOWN	11.4	11.8	-3.4	10.9	11.2	-2.7	.6	.6	0	4.9	5.1	- .2
MILES CITY	14.1	14.1	0	13.2	13.6	-2.9	.9	.5	.4	6.2	3.5	2.7
MISSOULA	41.7	42.6	-2.1	37.6	38.3	-1.8	4.1	4.3	- .2	9.8	10.1	- .3
SHELBY-CUT BANK	18.4	19.0	-3.2	17.4	18.1	-3.9	1.0	.9	.1	5.6	4.7	.9

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1975	
January	92.7
February	90.3
March	91.0
April	91.6
May	91.0
June	93.7
July	93.7
August	96.7
September	95.2
October	94.8
November	92.7
December	95.3
1976	
January	96.8
February	95.0
March	97.4
April	100.5
May	97.7
June	95.7
July	
August	
September	
October	
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December	

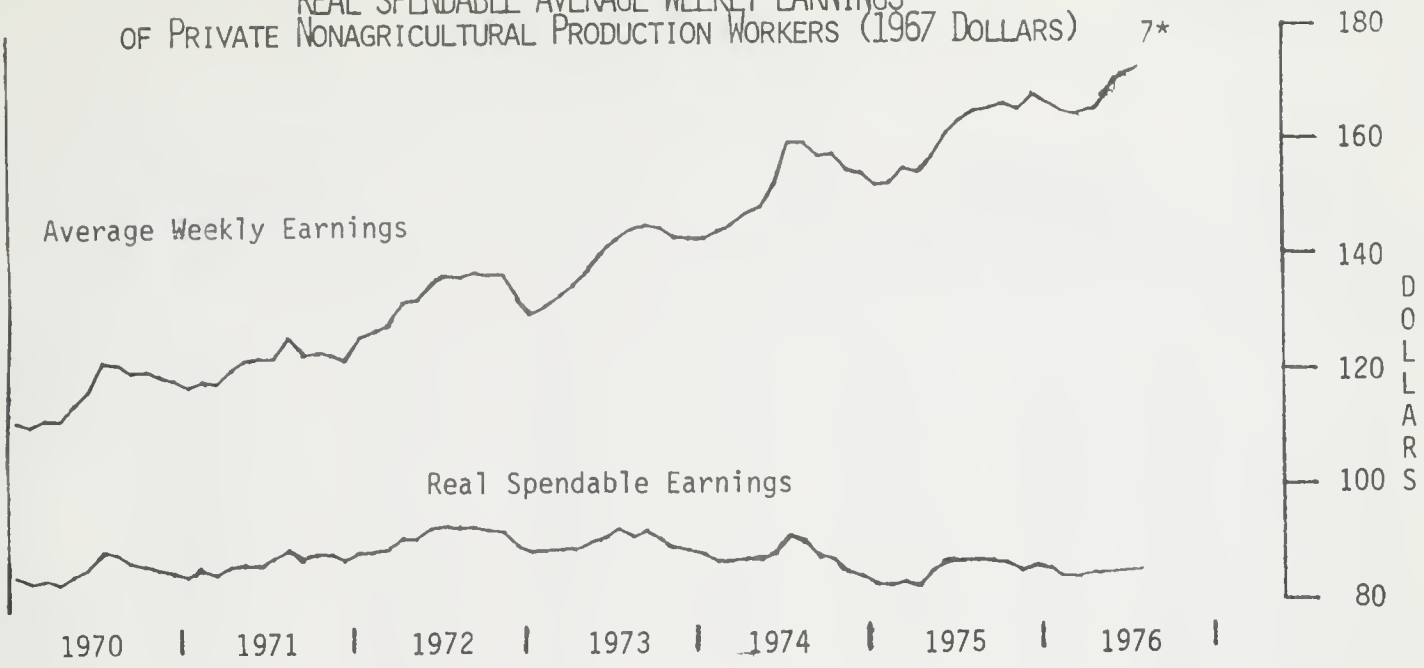
MONTANA's COMPOSITE INDEX

The Composite index fell to a June Figure of 95.7 form 97.7 in May. Positive trends in Building permits (16% increase from May to June) and accessions (4% increase from May) were more than negated by a 50% increase from May in the June average weekly initial claims. The remaining indicators of layoffs, manufacturing employment, and average manufacturing weekly hours also contributed to the overall negative trend in the June index.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$172.43	$170.88	$163.52
Taxes Withheld	25.58	25.12	22.88
Spendable Earnings	146.85	145.77	140.56
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	61.02	60.08	53.96
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	85.83	85.69	86.60

1975	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
JUL	163.52	86.63
AUG.	165.07	87.04
SEP.	165.53	86.81
OCT.	165.98	86.48
NOV.	165.34	85.67
DEC.	167.81	86.36
1976		
JAN.	165.89	85.35
FEB.	164.98	84.77
MAR.	163.70	84.02
APR.	165.50	84.44
MAY	168.84	85.31
JUNE	170.88	85.69
JULY	172.43 p	85.83 p
AUG.		
SEP.		
OCT.		
NOV.		
DEC.		

Gross average weekly earnings increased .9% from $170.88 in June to $172.43 in July. The June figure of $170.88 is up 1.2% from the May figure of $168.84. Real spendable earnings for July is up slightly from the June figure of $85.69 and up .6% from the May figure of $85.31.

As in June, the gross average weekly earnings for July increased 5.4% over July 1975 while the real spendable earnings for the month were 1% below July 1975 levels.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2/]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent[1/]* Montana	U. S.	
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	*7.0*	*5.2*	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	*6.2*	*5.2*	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	*6.3*	*5.1*	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	*6.7*	*5.0*	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	*6.6*	*5.2*	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	*7.2*	*5.2*	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	*6.7*	*5.3*	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	*6.5*	*5.4*	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	*6.5*	*5.8*	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	*6.6*	*6.0*	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	*7.0*	*6.6*	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	*7.0*	*7.2*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	326.0	303.0	265.8	37.2	23.0	*7.0*	*8.2*	*
February	326.4	300.0	263.3	36.7	26.4	*8.1*	*8.2*	.1
March	326.0	300.0	265.2	34.8	26.0	*8.0*	*8.7*	.3
April	323.2	295.6	262.7	32.9	27.6	*8.5*	*8.9*	.2
May	325.6	299.0	265.1	33.9	26.6	*8.2*	*9.2*	.1
June	327.4	299.7	267.7	32.0	27.7	*8.4*	*8.6*	.1
July	327.8	301.3	268.9	32.4	26.5	*8.1*	*8.4*	.2
August	329.3	302.9	270.2	32.7	26.4	*8.0*	*8.4*	*
September	333.1	306.3	273.7	32.6	26.8	*8.1*	*8.3*	.3
October	336.4	308.4	273.1	35.3	28.0	*8.3*	*8.6*	.3
November	341.0	313.0	275.4	37.6	28.0	*8.2*	*8.3*	.2
December	343.5	314.0	274.6	39.4	29.5	*8.6*	*8.3*	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	*8.1*	*8.5*	.1
1976								
January	342.7	315.0	274.6	40.4	27.7	*8.1*	*7.8*	*
February	341.1	314.6	275.6	39.0	26.5	*7.8*	*7.6*	*
March	337.8	309.9	273.8	36.1	27.9	*8.3*	*7.5*	*
April	332.6	307.2	272.2	35.0	25.4	*7.6*	*7.5*	*
May	328.2	302.9	269.4	33.5	25.3	*7.7*	*7.3*	*
June	320.7	293.6	261.9	31.7	27.1	*8.4*	*7.5*	*
July	324.2	297.9	264.3	33.6	26.3	*8.1*	*7.8*	*
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

2/ Non-additive - included in total employment.

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.4	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.1	6.5	7.0	*
February	32.7	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	*
March	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	8.1	8.0	.1
April	32.6	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.8	8.7	8.5	.1
May	32.4	29.9	28.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	8.2	*
June	32.2	29.7	28.5	1.2	2.5	7.8	8.4	*
July	32.4	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
August	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.0	*
September	32.7	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
October	33.0	30.0	28.7	1.3	3.0	9.0	8.3	*
November	33.6	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.8	8.3	8.2	*
December	33.4	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.9	8.8	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
February	33.6	31.0	29.4	1.6	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
March	33.7	30.8	29.4	1.4	2.9	8.6	8.6	*
April	32.5	29.8	28.4	1.4	2.7	8.3	7.6	*
May	33.1	30.7	29.4	1.3	2.4	7.3	7.7	*
June	33.3	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.9	8.8	8.4	*
July	33.1	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.

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Current month preliminary.

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Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.9	44.0	42.3	1.7	2.9	6.2	7.0	*
February	46.6	43.3	41.6	1.7	3.3	7.0	8.1	*
March	46.5	43.3	41.7	1.6	3.2	7.0	8.0	.1
April	47.3	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.6	7.6	8.5	*
May	47.3	44.3	42.8	1.5	3.0	6.3	8.2	*
June	47.3	44.2	42.7	1.5	3.1	6.5	8.4	*
July	47.8	44.7	43.3	1.4	3.1	6.5	8.1	*
August	48.2	45.0	43.4	1.6	3.2	6.5	8.0	*
September	48.6	45.4	43.9	1.5	3.2	6.6	8.1	.2
October	48.0	44.8	43.2	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.3	.2
November	49.0	45.9	44.2	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.2	*
December	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.1	*
February	48.8	45.9	44.2	1.7	2.9	6.0	7.8	*
March	48.7	45.6	44.0	1.6	3.1	6.4	8.3	*
April	48.7	45.7	44.1	1.6	3.0	6.2	7.6	*
May	47.9	45.3	43.8	1.5	2.6	5.5	7.7	*
June	48.9	45.7	44.2	1.5	3.2	6.5	8.4	*
July	49.1	46.1	44.7	1.4	3.0	6.1	8.1	*
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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TABLE XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JULY 1976

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE	$172.43	$170.88	$163.52	35.7	35.6	36.5	$4.83	$4.80	$4.48
MANUFACTURING	242.31	241.16	188.64	39.4	39.6	36.0	6.15	6.09	5.24
Durable Goods	239.34	241.20	185.34	39.3	39.8	36.2	6.09	6.03	5.12
Primary Metal Industries	296.06	295.29	239.78	38.3	38.3	38.0	7.73	7.71	6.31
Nondurable Goods	249.08	242.02	197.68	39.6	38.6	35.3	6.29	6.27	5.60
Food and Kindred Products	238.14	226.46	194.18	41.2	39.8	37.2	5.78	5.69	5.22
MINING	310.73	308.58	284.49	44.2	44.4	43.7	7.03	6.95	6.51
Metal Mining	310.17	303.17	286.90	42.2	42.7	41.7	7.35	7.10	6.88
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	316.34	310.76	293.31	39.2	38.7	37.7	8.07	8.03	7.78
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	264.50	260.99	257.47	41.2	41.1	43.2	6.42	6.35	5.96
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	235.17	233.11	219.22	40.2	40.4	40.9	5.85	5.77	5.36
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	143.78	142.36	129.59	35.5	35.5	36.3	4.05	4.01	3.57
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	123.06	121.97	118.86	36.3	36.3	36.8	3.39	3.36	3.23
SERVICES	107.63	107.22	106.60	30.9	30.9	32.9	3.48	3.47	3.24

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

June 1976

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975
MANUFACTURING	5.4	3.6	7.4	4.7	3.1	4.8	2.6	2.5	3.7	1.4	1.4	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Durable Goods	5.7	3.7	7.5	4.7	3.2	5.8	2.9	3.0	4.1	1.7	1.6	2.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Primary Metal Industries	7.8	2.9	6.7	4.4	2.0	0.5	2.3	3.1	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.8	1.4
Nondurable Goods	5.0	3.5	7.0	4.6	2.9	2.7	2.2	1.3	2.7	1.0	0.9	1.7	0.5	0.2	0.5
MINING	4.2	2.7	4.0	2.0	1.1	3.0	1.8	5.1	5.2	0.4	0.6	1.6	0.0	3.6	1.3
Metal Mining	2.9	2.0	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.8	8.0	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	2.9

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	July 1976	July 1975	Year to Date 1976	Year to Date 1975
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	19	17	173	178
MINING	9	1	53	44
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	80	24	302	201
MANUFACTURING	19	7	85	65
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	8	2	55	37
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	73	41	357	341
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	28	10	151	131
SERVICES	87	73	535	553
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	0	0	2
STATE TOTAL	323	175	1,711	1,552

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
	July 1976	July 1975	Year to Date 1976	Year to Date 1975
STATE OF MONTANA	323	175	1,711	1,552
GREAT FALLS SMSA	26	14	145	143
BILLINGS SMSA	52	30	278	235
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	28	13	146	117
Beaverhead	1	5	23	28
Deer Lodge	4	1	19	14
Granite	1	0	6	1
Madison	3	1	14	16
Powell	4	1	12	9
Silver Bow	15	5	72	49
BOZEMAN LMA	28	11	146	139
Gallatin	23	10	116	118
Meagher	0	0	3	4
Park	5	1	27	17
GLASGOW LMA	10	7	76	66
Daniels	1	1	18	17
Phillips	1	2	2	12
Roosevelt	4	2	23	15
Sheridan	2	2	15	12
Valley	2	0	18	10
GLENDIVE LMA	9	6	54	62
Dawson	0	5	16	30
Garfield	2	0	5	6
McCone	2	0	9	5
Prairie	0	0	3	1
Richland	5	1	21	19
Wibaux	0	0	0	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	7	5	52	52
Big Horn	3	2	11	25
Carbon	1	1	19	8
Stillwater	1	1	13	11
Sweet Grass	2	1	9	8

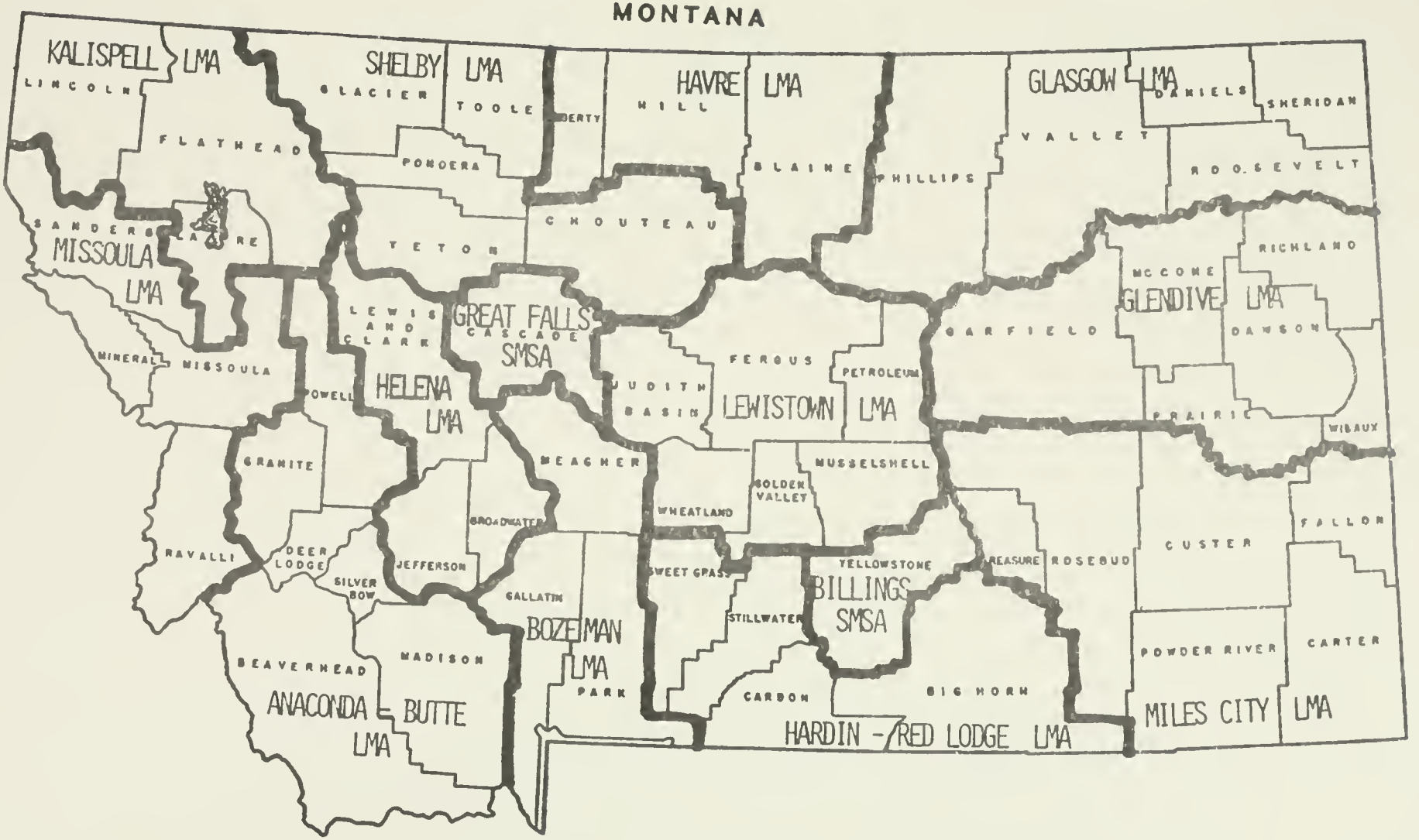
Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
	July 1976	July 1975	Year to Date 1976	Year to Date 1975
HAVRE LMA	13	4	57	56
Blaine	1	1	5	13
Hill	10	3	43	39
Liberty	2	0	9	4
HELENA LMA	20	9	116	87
Broadwater	1	0	2	6
Jefferson	0	1	9	10
Lewis and Clark	19	8	105	71
KALISPELL LMA	43	19	199	158
Flathead	25	11	124	113
Lake	10	5	51	30
Lincoln	8	3	24	15
LEWISTOWN LMA	7	6	35	29
Fergus	5	5	20	20
Golden Valley	0	0	2	0
Judith Basin	0	0	0	0
Musselshell	2	1	10	6
Petroleum	0	0	2	0
Wheatland	0	0	1	3
MILES CITY LMA	12	10	69	76
Carter	1	0	3	4
Custer	5	3	28	32
Fallon	1	3	9	14
Powder River	2	1	6	4
Rosebud	3	2	20	20
Treasure	0	1	3	2
MISSOULA LMA	56	38	269	268
Mineral	2	2	7	15
Missoula	44	32	198	189
Ravalli	7	3	31	35
Sanders	3	1	33	29
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	12	3	69	64
Chouteau	1	0	15	7
Glacier	2	1	15	22
Pondera	5	0	13	16
Teton	3	1	14	10
Toole	1	1	12	9

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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